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Session Statement on the Lordship of Jesus Christ

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The Session of Community Presbyterian Church believes that the General Assembly's statement regarding the "Uniqueness of Jesus" does not accurately reflect our scriptural beliefs nor is it in keeping with the confessions of the church or the tenets of Reformed faith. We respectfully wish to register our dissent with this statement.

We believe the language used in the General Assembly statement was crafted with regard only for cultural and societal sensitivity. We hold passionately to the belief that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation for all, not just us as believers. To dilute the strength of this belief in order to accommodate cultural and societal sensitivity is to weaken the foundation upon which the faith is built.

While we welcome cultural and societal diversity, and encourage open and honest debate over the pressing issues of the day; we stand firm on the absolute Lordship of Jesus Christ. Our fear is that the PC (USA) is coming to resemble a large, old house to which so many rooms have been added that its sheer weight is causing it to slide off of its foundation. The end result of the house sliding off of its foundation is that the house will collapse upon itself. The foundation of our house is unwavering faith in Jesus Christ as the only way to salvation for all humankind.

In the best traditions of our denomination, we choose to exercise our rights and responsibility to dissent. We do this as a local church, independently of any other movement. We, as a denomination, must hold fast to the irrefutable truth of the Gospel. If we do not, we have lost credibility not only with our brothers and sisters in the faith, but also with the lost of the world, those with whom we seek to share the faith. Jesus commanded us to take the Gospel into all the world; we must do this firmly rooted in the truth that Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation for all peoples.

This statement was sent to Reverend Clifton Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and Reverend Dr. Jack Rogers, Moderator of the 2001 General Assembly with a copy sent to Elizabeth Groelle, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Sacramento.

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